

EDISON BROTHERS STORES INC.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 400 WASHINGTON AVE., ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

January 4, 1962

Mr. A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

As you well know, my last letter to you was written before I received your shocking letter of December 28. Everyone gets disillusioned and disgusted at times. I, frankly, am heartbroken at your decision because I had such confidence in your interest in the Connecticut project. I am not going to submit your resignation to Ned Barnsley until you have a further time to think it over and perhaps may change your mind.

You stated that there were four elements which induced you to do the work.

1. Numismatic creativity - and this you certainly would have when the plates were published.
2. Your personal need for the plates - which, naturally, would be satisfied.
3. Numismatic prestige as a publisher of plates. This would be accomplished as you would get specific personal recognition for having assembled and worked out the plates regardless how the material was published. I always told you that I thought ANS should publish it as the cost of publication would be out of proportion.
4. Financial profit. That is a myth and should not be a motive to research.

When you say that most of the motivation has been removed by my feeling that you should not issue a few of the plates, I feel guilty. If profit was your motivation, there are thousands of other things which are

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better from a profit point of view. There must be something else which is bothering you. You ought to be very proud of the Colonial News Letter as this is a personal accomplishment of yours. You may be using up too much family time on your numismatics. These are problems all of us have.

I would like to see the project go on and I hope that you will do it. If not, I would like to write Barnsley and tell him your feelings and Ned and I will come to a conclusion as to what to do with the wonderful start you have made. I will always respect you regardless of what decision you make. I know the frustrations of numismatics, the lack of cooperation of other numismatists, the thanklessness of the work, the time taken from my family, and, yet, it has given me and my family a full measure of happiness.

Write me again and do what is best for you without regard to the feelings of others. You are doing more than your part by offering to turn over the work which you have already accomplished.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 9, 1962

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 366 Albertson
Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

Thank you, very much, for sending me the Connecticut document relating to some of the miscellaneous receipts and money in the Connecticut Treasury. There was so much confusion in the Treasury at that time that there was a resignation of the Treasurer and all kinds of auditing. Since it is not possible for me to collect this sort of material I would appreciate it if you would thank the dealer for letting me see it and return it to him. I am returning the same herewith.

Hoch file
As far as Al Hoch's disillusionment is concerned, I am trying to cheer him up. Selling a few plates to interested people will not bail him out, financially, and will only result in requests from more people. Then, by the time the publication comes out, there will be little interest because somebody will have copied the plates by then. No one is ever going to get the best specimens of everything and it is not necessary - or else you would never finish.

This research business is hard, tedious, work, often unappreciated, and often disheartening, and I ought to know.

I only wish you could persuade Hoch to hold back his impulse to distribute plates as I am offering to pay for all of his photography at ANS.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Just an afterthought. —

I notice which ~~are~~ are part of a contemporary
Hoard of Texas and Arkansas script & purchased.
38 notes ^{were} reported in an account book dated 1862.

These notes, I think, are Sutter notes but I
cannot find them listed by Custer.

The Texas note was originally issued for "HUBBARD'S
REGIMENT" which is printed on the note, & have
been so far unable to determine the military or
legal significance of "Hubbard's Regiment")

Can you shed any light on these?

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MAGNOLIA, ANDERSON CO
TEXAS

? ? ?

SUTLER?



Rifles?
Regiment?

January 22, 1962

Mr.A.D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

I know your decision on the Connecticut situation is best for you and I have written Ned accordingly. You will receive full credit for your work in any publication I have anything to do with and I know it is hard for you to give up the project at this point. If you ever want to come back into the fold the door will be open and I hope you will.

As you suggested, you might send me all the Connecticut photo material which will be of help to us. As to the AMS photos I think you should keep one set of the two and I hope we won't need it. I will straighten out any obligation you have in that respect. As to the various collections you have photographed, we could borrow your negatives or if you have an extra set of prints those would be helpful. As to those I sent you recently you may keep or return them.

I want you to suggest what to do as to the cost of your photographing the Craigie, Barnsley, Vlack, Keller, etc. I presume you have never photographed Hawley, Yale, Norman Bryant, Boyd. Do you feel others should be photographed? I think Norman Bryant has a great many pictures, perhaps those of Yale. I know Bryant will send me the pictures which he has.

I am glad you were surprised at the style similarity of the 1788 Connecticut with the Machin's. These, I believe, were made by young Buell with Atlee cut dies in the New Haven Mint and not at Newburgh. They bought some Novas very cheap in New York City and restamped them.

I would like two extra copies of the Newsletter to cut up for my files if you can spare them.

January 22, 1962

Mr.A.I. Hoch

The 1743 Rhode Island is not mentioned in "Counterfeiting in Colonial Rhode Island" by Scott. It is a counterfeit, in my opinion, and has SPEARMUS instead of SPERAMUS in the Latin motto as the poor old counterfeiter did not know Latin. I want to take a picture of it unless you already have one. I would buy it if it were priced as a counterfeit.

My 1804 Dollar book was finished today and its off to the printers. I am exhausted from its ordeal. It ends by calling the 1804 a "predated fantasy" and calls the King of American Coins an imposter. I better move to China.

My best to you,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN
atb

February 2, 1962

Mr. A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

Having received the large box of Connecticut photos, I, like Ned, feel that you have already earned your position as an author of the book.

I note that some of the prints are not the exact size of the coins and wonder whether you have the negatives of these readily available if we want them. I also would like to know if there are any more ANS prints which will be forthcoming as I presume I have not received them all.

Please send me the ANS bill which is unpaid and the paid ANS bill for which you are to receive reimbursement, etc.

When you make the pasteups we might like to borrow them and perhaps even rephoto them for checking.

I have the feeling that you will give us an occasional bit of help as we proceed and as soon as I go to ANS I am going to discuss the project with them for the purposes of the monograph. I think you have done an amazing job and it is very encouraging to realize what is already accomplished on the project.

The Rhode Island note, being counterfeit and torn completely in half, would be worth \$50 to me and if available for that sum it will go into my collection of counterfeits.

The \$10 Exchange Bank note of Providence item I do not have and if you care to sell it I will exchange it for something else. Please let me know your wishes.

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Mr. A. E. Hoch

Thank you, again, for your spirit of fair play and I am sure that you will find that your team mates, who are playing while you sit on the side lines, will put you back in the game as soon as you feel well enough to play.

I will write you soon, again, but I wanted you to hear from me forthwith.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. LOWMAN

EPW/atb

18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.
Feb. 6, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman:

The balance of the Conn. photos plus a box of negatives are on the way. The 1788 ANS prints also sent. I will shortly send the total balance of 2 rolls of negatives.

I am sorry the Hoch made prints are the correct size in most cases. My excuses are varied.

I have now paste-ups ~~xx~~ of only the 1785 Connecticut. You have all of the photos which were used on these. They were taken from the ANS photos. No rephoto negative has been made. I would loan them to you on notice.

I cannot find the early invoice from ANS for the 1785 set. The 1788 invoice enclosed.

I did not know that Ned felt that I was a distinct candidate for an author for your Conn. book, or you. This makes me happy and I would naturally accept this honour if it were still offered at the time of publication.

I would of ~~xxxx~~ course be willing, in all events, to give whatever help I can to the project. My only present limitations are travel and home printing of negatives.

I am happy that you are satisfied with the conglomeration of pictures I sent. I had some serious reservations that it would be acceptable.

As I need cash for the new addition, I accept your offer for that Rhode Island note. Fortunately I only paid 30.00 for it and I am glad I didn't go overboard as usual.

The \$10 Exch. Bank note enclosed, gratis.

Noted that little item of yours in CW. I'm glad I'm not your lawyer. Where is the photo available of the original dies? It seems odd to me that a photo would normally exist for old dies.

Sincerely,

al

February 8, 1962

American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York 32, New York

Gentlemen:

You have done some photography for Alfred D. Hoch
in connection with the project on Connecticut coppers.
He was working with us in connection with this matter.

I would appreciate it if we could donate to the Society
an amount to cover what has been ordered by him so
that you could cancel any obligation he might have.

Would you let me know what sum would cover the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

February 8, 1962

Mr.A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

I have been working to mount up all of the ANS photos of the Connecticut cents except the very last part of the 1787 and the 1788 group. This is really an amazing collection. I will then send them to Ned Barnsley and request that he place the die variety on each card after checking them. I will also send to him any prints which you had made from various collections and prints which I have had made. He can then substitute for the identical dies, the best specimens. If some of the prints which you made are not the correct size, I will retain the negatives which you were nice enough to forward to me, and try to find the proper negatives so that they can be printed to correct size. I probably will have to project the negatives on the wall to find the variety in many cases.

Did you print up all of these negatives or did you only print some of them as it does not appear that I have all the prints. Perhaps you might loan all of your Connecticut prints, including pasteups, at a proper time and then they could be returned to you.

I am so glad you feel that Ned and I are right that you should participate as an author of the Connecticut book with respect to the plates and that it will give you pleasure. I am also glad that you will help the project within your own limitations and wishes as I knew you would. Ned is the die variety expert on Connecticut and you must feel free to communicate with him on this project whether or not you send me a copy. Ned and I will have no difficulty working together even though geographically apart.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

February 8, 1962

Mr. A. D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

Enclosed is my check for the Rhode Island piece and I want you to feel free to send me anything else which you want to sell as I am glad to improve my collection at any time either of coins or paper money.

You were very nice to send me the banknote.

As to the little item in the Coin World about the Confederate cent, I had not seen it until you called it to my attention. The photo of the original dies is in the advertisements in the Coin World and you can notice the portion which is broken off. The old dies have always existed and the new dies were recently made from them.

I am sorry you don't want to be my lawyer. I try to be straightforward on matters which require clarification. I think I have been through enough with the 1804 Dollar matter in Atlanta so that anything else is an anti-climax.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

March 30, 1962

Dear Mr. Mosser:

Please cancel any obligations of Alfred D. Hoch with respect to photography of Connecticut pieces, one of which is \$31.50 and the unbilled item of \$250.00.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

18 Irving Road
Natick, Massachusetts
July 30, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am actively preparing an article to be submitted to the Numismatist on the Scrip of the Hibernia Furnace of Morris County, N.J. issued in 1774 and signed by Lord Stirling.

When I showed my specimen of this xscrip to you, I seem to remember that you mentioned that you had seen others issued by the ~~xxxxxx~~ same company. If I recall ~~xxxxxx~~ correctly, I would very much appreciate learning of their locations.

So far, I have located only one other specimen which is in the collection of the N.J. Historical Society. ~~xxxxxx~~ It is different enough to force me to try to locate others and thought you might help me.

Sincerely,



Alfred D. Hoch

August 6, 1962

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

It was nice hearing from you with respect to the Hibernia Furnace. I enclose a photocopy of my specimen. There should be another specimen in the American Antiquarian Society collection and in the Greenfield Village Ford collection in Dearborn, Michigan, although, in each case, this should be checked.

I recall that this has been written up somewhere and I cannot remember where. Have you checked The Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society, etc? I looked in the index for the Numismatist and A.J.N. but this proves nothing. I suggest you try the index at A.N.S.

I believe, in your article, it is very important that you explain what the words "light money" means.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

18 Irving Road
Hick, Mass.
August 8, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very ^{much} for the information on the Hibernia scrip specimens and the photocopy.

Mr. Shipton at the American Antiquarian Society stated that they did not have a specimen of this scrip in their collection.

It is interesting to me that the three notes so far known to me have an almost perfect correlation between their No. and plate ~~xxxx~~ Letter.

ADH specimen	No. 19	Letter B
NJHS "	No. 8	" C
EPN "	No. 11	" F

I did ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ ~~xxx~~ look through the Proceedings of the N.J. Historical Society. I did not find anything on the paper money but have photocopy of some wonderful historical material on the Hibernia Furnace.

I very much ~~xxxxxx~~ appreciate also your suggestion that an explanation of "light money" would be valuable. I had completely neglected to consider this, and will now get some added enjoyment trying to discover the answer.

Very truly yours,


Alfred D. Hoch

October 15, 1962

Mr. A. D. Hoeh
18 Irving Road
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

Your letter of September 20, 1962 arrived during my vacation.

I wish I could send you the 1804 Dollar book but Whitman feels that these should be sold by them.

I have a few items I could write for the Colonial News Letter, if you are desperately in need of them, so let me know.

As far as the Connecticut pictures are concerned, I am amazed. I assume they were taken with the understanding that an effort would be made to combine all Connecticut illustrations in some satisfactory illustrative manner. I am sure those who permitted their coins to be photographed did not then intend to withhold them for use for the project. They did not pay you for the photographs, I assume, and I would like to know, specifically, who is objecting. I am shocked by the attitude which you indicate somebody is supposed to have. Would you suggest that I write whoever is objecting? In any event give me a few more facts as to this matter so that I can give it some further thought. At the present time I do not even have the negatives.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 15, 1962

Mr. Al Hoch
Natick, Mass.

Dear Al:

The Massachusetts 36 shillings note of December 7, 1775 is of the proper design. I cannot tell whether it is a reprint, a photograph, cut from a book - unless I see it.

Is it on laid paper?

The crisscross over the obverse would indicate it was a counterfeit but that might have been done merely because a signature is missing and the bill was not issued.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

1702 E. Briarvale Ave.
Anaheim, California
December 26, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman:

It was certainly a great pleasure to have had the opportunity of visiting you and Mrs. Newman several weeks ago. Your kind hospitality will be remembered.

I have not as yet had the opportunity to photograph the 87¢ note for you, but I will get to it at the first opportunity.

I very much appreciated the reprint of your wonderful article on the Vermont Coins from the ANS Centennial Publication.

Very truly yours,



Alfred D. Hoch

December 28, 1962

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California

Dear Al:

The photocopy of my notes on the early private scrip I promised you is enclosed. The Massachusetts note due you is also enclosed.

You forgot the necktie I gave you.

Happy New Year and let me hear from you whenever you feel like selling anything or whenever you feel like writing me.

My wife and I enjoyed very much having you visit us and I hope your family is all assembled and that your new position works out to your very best interests.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California
January 29, 1963

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 28 and the copy of the list of early scrip. I am very satisfied with the exchange on the Massachusetts note.

I must apologize for forgetting your fine gift. My only excuse is that I tried too hard to absorb everything you said, to the exclusion of normal behavior.

I wrote to Ned and offered him a set of the 1785 plates but have not heard from him.

Vlack writes he has discovered a Fugio 14-H.

Sincerely,

Al Fork

Al —

3/27/63

Hello — Nice sales list.
Good luck with it.
Please send

The Numismatist

Jan & Mar 1910

July 1912

I need them. Do
you want others in
exchange at 2 for 1
of the same period, or
I'll send check

Regards,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

Eric

Dear Mr. Newman:

Sorry but this one is the only one
I have left. Cash or trade as you
prefer.

I need Numismatists:

1912 Jan to June, Oct, Dec

1913 Jan, Mar, Apr.

1914 Jan-Mar, May

1920 Jan, FEB, June to Aug

Since ely,

al Hoch

April 8, 1963

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California

Dear Al:

I am sending you two early Numismatists for
the one you sent me. One of them, I think,
you particularly need.

I am enclosing my want list and hope you can
fill me in.

My very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California
June 20, 1963

Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for the copy of your recent letter to Breen. I assume I did right in not giving him a copy of the plates until he obtained your blessing. He was so mad at the time, he swore loudly and it appears that he was still in the mood when he wrote you.

I do not necessarily agree that publication of the Connecticut Plates would cause an ANS veto of the publication of your work. I do agree that if the ANS would likely act in this manner (and I have no evidence to the contrary), then ~~xxxxxx~~ the plates ~~xxx~~ ~~x~~ should not be published. I do not dispute your contention that ANS is like that, but my agreement with you is based solely on it.

Rulau has had trouble finding a successor to the ~~Kent~~ Editorship for TAMS from ~~xxx~~ his staff and it looks like I will be it in August.


You once wrote that the Counterfeit R.I. Colonial note I sold you was subject to confiscation. I have been unable to find out who would do this and why. Can you tell me?

Your suggestion that I check with Greenfield Ford Museum concerning the Hibernia Furnace scrip paid off. They have one for 5 shillings, the first I have heard of and it nicely blows up my theory that only 1 shilling denominations were made. With luck, I will have the first draft of my article in another year. Do you think a reproduction of a portrait of Wm. Alexander would be appropriate with the ~~xxxxxx~~ article. "Light Money" seems to refer to the fact that the NJ monetary standard was less than that of other colonies, but I have been unable to substantiate this vague notion. Now if I could discover who printed it for Stirling. The type seems similar to a few other issues of Conn. and New York.

Jim Spilman has taken over the Colonial Newsletter following Kent's wonderful try at Rittenhouse sponsorship. Can you supply an article for his forthcoming issue? You once said to let you know if we ever got to the bottom of the barrel and we're there.

Will you be in Denver?

Sincerely,


Alfred D. Mueh

June 21, 1963

Dear Al,

I did not know about your new publication until I read it in Coin World. Please send me one. Check is enclosed.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

June 25, 1963

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California

Dear Al:

I do not believe I will be able to come to Denver and I will miss you and my other friends.

I am sure that Walter is putting on an act with respect to the 1785 Connecticut plates but, in any event, he will have gotten over his irritation immediately.

I have rechecked my correspondence and find that I made no statement that the Rhode Island counterfeit was subject to confiscation.

I am glad you found new material on the Hibernia Furnace. I think a portrait would improve the article, however, the thing that bothers me most is that light money might not be what you think it is. Light money may merely be a distinguishing feature from heavy money or specie. In other words, this was payable in paper money and not in plate as the other issues of New Jersey were.

I still have a necktie for you and hope that we can get together under more calm circumstances so that we can exchange information and experiences.

I hope you and your family are happier on the West Coast and I know that you are enthusiastically welcomed numismatically.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

~~Hebernia~~

15 F 3 E 5 D

Hoch Hebernia Funnace in Corn Hest

July 1, 1963

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California

Dear Al:

I have some good news for you. I found in my notes that the Connecticut Historical Society has the following pieces of Hibernia Furnace money:

1 Shilling - Plate F
3 Shillings - Plate E
5 Shillings - Plate D

You may wish to obtain a picture of the 3 shilling piece from them. In the back of my mind I knew I had heard of some others which you would wish to know about and I tripped over it in research yesterday.

Thank you for straightening me out on what I wrote about confiscation of counterfeits. It is my impression that the Federal Government has the right to seize counterfeits of this or any other government. The way laws are interpreted today I cannot be sure what the result would be. When the opinion was given that alterations of United States coins was not in violation of the Federal law, that took the cake. If that isn't defacing the currency I don't know what is. One of these days I may look into the matter seriously but prefer to work on genuine pieces for a change.

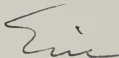
Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

One of the reasons why you might be a little surprised at my offer for the Rhode Island note is that counterfeits are actually subject to confiscation and that is why they are, in my mind, not any where near the value of a genuine piece. I would gladly pay the sum you asked for a genuine piece.

Most cordially yours,



ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

(letter of
Febr. 6, 1962)

13805
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California
Sept. 9, 1963

Dear Mr. Newman:

As you probably know, I have been appointed Editor of the Journal of the Tokens and Medals Society.

I do not plan on making any changes to the former editorial list of assistants, except a few additions, but wanted to check with you to determine ~~xxxxxx~~ if you wished to remain as an assistant editor of the Journal.

I finally found some correspondence on the question of legality and confiscation of Counterfeit Colonial Currency which I am enclosing for your information. My interpretation of them may not be accurate or correct, but is that no Colonial Counterfeit produced at the time of circulation is subject to present confiscation.

What are you molishing next?? Fugios, Machin's Mills, Conn. Cents? whatever it is, I can hardly it.

Sincerely



Alfred D. Hoch

September 10, 1963

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, California 92805

Dear Al:

It was pleasant, as always, hearing from you. I have made a photocopy and return herewith the letters concerning confiscation. These are most interesting.

As to whether I should be an assistant editor in your magazine, I leave that entirely up to you but I probably will not be able to do any work other than give information which comes off the top of my head. I just have too many other research projects going.

You were nice enough to ask what I am doing and I am enclosing a photocopy of what may be my next long article, namely, a study of the leaf prints on Colonial currency. This is a subject which is almost totally void of study and I have assembled what I think is exciting material with respect to it. Please note, for example, the different positions of XKS on the 20 shillings notes, the broken corner on the 10 shillings notes and particularly the correction made in the cut on the 10 shillings notes in the upper left corner.

I wish we were closer and could be in contact more often as it is always so exciting to see the way in which you carefully assemble information.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 7, 1964

Dear Al,

Please send me the Wright
token book and bill me for
whatever price I am entitled to
as a member of TAMS.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Alfred D. Hoch
1702 E. Briarvale Avenue
Anaheim, Calif.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

ALFRED D. HOCH
48 EDDIE AVENUE
NORTH BABYLON, N. Y. 11703

MOhawk 7-3238

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Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your kind letter of Jan. 14 and the reprint of your recent work on the James II & Red piece.

I am sending you the Rehobeth book under separate cover. Although I PAID \$20.00 for it, I realize it may not be worth that amount, & very much appreciate your taking the book. Please send me what it is worth to you, cash or trade, after you receive it.

Thank you for identifying Mr. Edson's imitation halfpence as British made.

I did not know any of your imitation half pence were taken in the burglary. If they are ever offered to me you shall know it immediately. Up until now, all I have ever purchased came as individual items, usually ~~from~~ junk boxes.

These ^{exist} ~~is~~ a wonderfull 16 page descriptive listing of ARKANSAS Obsolete Currency ^{authored} ~~privately~~ published in 1963 by Howard Stebbins, IV, P.O. Box 1413, Little Rock, Ark. I do not recall seeing it reviewed or advertised.

Very sincerely,

Al Hoch

48 EDDIE AVE.
NO. BABYLON, N.Y.

DEAR MR. NEWMAN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND LETTER OF
November 25th. I DO NOT HAVE A
ONE-TO-ONE PHOTO & THE NEGATIVE
IS ENLARGED, I SUSPECT A
GOOD PHOTOGRAPHER CAN EASILY REDUCE
THE SIZE BY ADJUSTING ~~THE~~ HIS
ENLARGER & AM ENCLOSING THE
NEGATIVE IN HOPES THAT YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN WHAT
YOU NEED. PLEASE RETURN NEGATIVE
WHEN FINISHED; NO RUSH.

YOUR INFORMATION ON THE PIECE IS
MOST APPRECIATED, I AM SORRY TO
SAY I ~~HAVE~~ SOLD THE PIECE, BEFORE
I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER.

Sincerely,

Al Hoch